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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,034,390 to TEWS, which issued on March 7, 2000;
- (2) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 528 281, which was published on February 24, 1993;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,018,174 to SCHREMS et al., which issued on January 25, 2000;

(4) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 967 653, which was published on December 29, 1999;

(5) U.S. Patent No. 5,861,649 to YOSHIDA et al. that issued January 19, 1999;

(6) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 188 946, which was published on July 30, 1986;

(7) U.S. Patent No. 5,629,226 to OHTSUKI, which issued on May 13, 1997;

(8) U.S. Patent No. 5,998,821 to HIEDA et al., which issued on December 7, 1999; and

(9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-58777, which was published on February 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

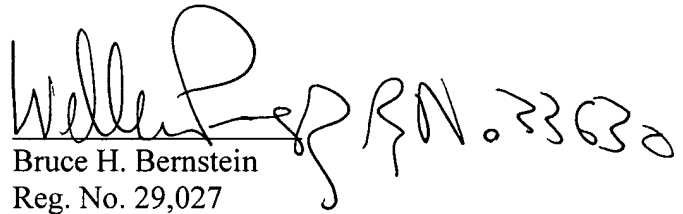
Applicants note that documents (1) and (9) were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application, and thus no copies are being provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the European Search Report is also attached. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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